

What is claimed is:

1. A professional practice application configured for use over a network by users operating professionally as individuals or as one or more groups, and the professional practice application comprising:
 - 5 • a database with a plurality of portions for selectively receiving and supplying data related to a professional practice;
 - web pages including a set of web pages for viewing and entering data related to professional practice into said database, and at least one managerial web page for entering of access roles for each user; and
 - 10 • an access controller for controlling access by each user to selected ones of both said web pages and said plurality of portions of said database with access roles which match the access role of the user and said access controller supplying the at least one managerial web page to each user with an access role of manager to vary access privileges to the professional practice application for other users within the corresponding manager's group.
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2. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of portions of said database further comprise at least one of tables and objects.
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3. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of portions of said database include at least two of the following group of portions consisting of: client portions for storing client data for the clients associated with each group, case portions for storing each client's case information for each corresponding group, time portions for storing time entries for time spent on each client's cases for each corresponding group, cost portions for storing cost entries for costs incurred on each client's cases for each corresponding group, docket portions for storing docket entries for each client's cases for each corresponding group, and rule portions for storing each group's rules for populating the corresponding docket portion.
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4. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said set of web pages includes:
 - a static portion encoded in a markup language;
 - an interpreted portion encoded in a scripting or embedded language; and

• said access controller conditionally interpreting said interpreted portion depending on a correlation between an access role associated with said interpreted portion and the access role of the user requesting the at least one of said set of web pages.

5 5. The professional practice application of Claim 4, wherein said interpreted portion conditionally defines an HTML element and wherein said access controller assembles said web page with said input element when the access role of the user requesting the at least one of said set of web pages correlates with the access role associated with said interpreted portion.

10 6. The professional practice application of Claim 4, wherein said interpreted portion conditionally defines both a query to said database and a listing of said query results in an HTML format, and wherein said access controller performs said query and assembles said web page with a list of data provided by said database in response to said query when the 15 access role of the user requesting the at least one of said set of web pages correlates with the access role associated with said interpreted portion.

20 7. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said web pages further comprise a registration web page for registering each new user and wherein further said access controller allocates to each new user registered via the registration web page a user role of manager.

8. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said access controller further comprises:

25 • an access table for correlating each of said plurality of web pages with at least one corresponding user role; and

• a registration table for correlating each of the users with a role and with a group and with each group including at least one user with a manager role.

30 9. The professional practice application of Claim 8, with the at least one managerial web page further for entering access roles for each of the plurality of web pages.

10. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said access controller further comprises:

- an access table for correlating each of said plurality of web pages as well as each of the plurality of portions of said database with at least one corresponding user role; and
- a registration table for correlating each of the users with a role and with a group and with each group including at least one user with a manager role.

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11. The professional practice application of Claim 10, with the at least one managerial web page further for entering access roles for each of the plurality of web pages and for each of the plurality of portions of said database.

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12. The professional practice application of Claim 1, with said access controller for supplying said at least one managerial web page selectively to users with manager roles to enable managers of all groups including the users operating professionally as individuals to add users to the corresponding groups, to enable users with roles of manager for groups with at least two users to delete users from the corresponding group and to select roles for each user at least one of which includes a role of manager.

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20 13. The professional practice application of Claim 1, wherein said access roles correspond with job titles of a corresponding professional practice corresponding to which the application is configured and in which the access privileges corresponding with each role correlate with the access provided in the a corresponding professional practice.

25 14. The method for implementing a professional practice application configured for use over a network by users operating professionally as individuals or as one or more groups, and the method for implementing comprising the acts of:

- providing a database with a plurality of portions for selectively receiving and supplying data related to professional practice ;
- providing web pages including a set of web pages for viewing and entering data related to professional practice into said database, and at least one managerial web page for entering of access roles for each user; and

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- controlling access by each user to selected ones of both said web pages and said plurality of portions of said database with access roles which match the access role of the user and supplying the at least one managerial web page to each user with an access role of manager to vary access privileges to the professional practice application for other users within the corresponding manager's group.

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15. The method for implementing a professional practice application of Claim 14, wherein the controlling act further comprises the act of:

- conditionally interpreting interpreted portions of said set of web pages depending on a correlation between an access role associated with said interpreted portion and the access role of the user requesting the at least one of said set of web pages.

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16. The method for implementing a professional practice application of Claim 14, wherein the controlling act further comprises the act of:

- allocating to each new user registered via a registration web page an access role of manager.

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17. The method for implementing a professional practice application of Claim 14, wherein the controlling act further comprises the act of:

- enabling users with manager roles within all groups including the users operating professionally as individuals to add users to the corresponding groups; and
- enabling users with manager roles within groups with at least two users to delete users from the corresponding group and to select roles for each user within the corresponding group at least one of which includes a role of manager.

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18. A computer program product for a professional practice application configured for use over a network by users operating professionally as individuals or as one or more groups; and the computer program product having a plurality of instructions embodied in a computer readable medium, wherein said instructions, when executed by a computer, perform the acts of:

- providing a database with a plurality of portions for selectively receiving and supplying data related to professional practice ;

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- providing web pages including a set of web pages for viewing and entering data related to professional practice into said database, and at least one managerial web page for entering of access roles for each user; and
- controlling access by each user to selected ones of both said web pages and said plurality of portions of said database with access roles which match the access role of the user and supplying the at least one managerial web page to each user with an access role of manager to vary access privileges to the professional practice application for other users within the corresponding manager's group.

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